

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

1. (canceled).
2. (canceled).
3. (canceled).
4. (currently amended) A horse shoe, comprising:

a first part for coupling to a bottom of a horse's hoof, the first part being formed from a material exhibiting a first amount of resiliency, the first part having a hoof facing side and a ground facing side, said hoof facing side having an interior edge, a recess and a peripheral edge; and

a second part disposed in said recess extending from the hoof facing side of said first part to overlie a sole portion of the horse's hoof, the second part being formed from a material exhibiting a second amount of resiliency, wherein the second amount of resiliency is greater than the first amount of resiliency, the second part disposed between the hoof facing side of said first part and the hoof such that said second part is coextensive with ~~along~~ said interior edge of said first part, only a portion of said second part extending from said interior edge to said peripheral edge of said first part and said second part not extending to said ground facing side.

5. (canceled)
6. (previously presented) The horse shoe of claim 4, wherein the second part overlies at least a frog portion of the sole of the horse's hoof such that it provides support to a caudal portion of the horse's hoof when in use.
7. (previously presented) The horse shoe of claim 4, wherein the first part is harder to give structural strength for nail-retention, and the second part is softer to lessen pressure points on the sole portion of the horse's foot.
8. (previously presented) The horse shoe of claim 4, wherein the first and second parts are made from different types of plastic, the type of plastic of the first part having a higher durometer than the type of plastic of the second part.
9. (previously presented) The horse shoe of claim 4, wherein the first and second parts are made from the same type of material, the differing resiliency of the first and second parts being obtained through geometric shaping of the respective parts.

10. (previously presented) The horse shoe of claim 9, wherein the second part of the shoe includes a plurality of voids in the material so that it deforms more easily and has higher resiliency than the first part.

11. (previously presented) The horse shoe of claim 4, wherein the second part is sized and shaped to extend at least partially over a heel portion of the horse's hoof when in use.

12. (canceled)

13. (previously presented) The horse shoe of claim 4, further comprising a plurality of stand-offs on a sole-side of the first part for holding the shoe a distance from the horse's hoof while gluing such that a substantially uniform thickness of glue between the hoof and the shoe is obtained.

14-15. (canceled)

16. (previously presented) The horse shoe of claim 4, further comprising an aperture extending through the at least the second part to provide air flow to the sole portion of the horse's hoof when in use.

17-23. (canceled)